NEWS AND EVENTS

- Her Excellency, Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma receives a RUFORUM Award for her exemplary leadership and advancement of higher education, science, technology and innovation
- First Announcement: Fifth RUFORUM Biennial Conference, 17-21 October 2016, Cape Town in South Africa
- Makerere University holds meeting to validate industry-stakeholder engagement guidelines under the PASUFONS Project funded by EU-ACP EDULINK II Program
- 11th International Conference on ICT for Development, Education & Training (eLearning Africa 2016), 24-26, May 2016, Cairo in Egypt
- Webinar on emerging issues in transnational education, 24 May, 2016
- Agriculture, Nutrition and Health (ANH) Academy Week, 21-24 June 2016, Addis Ababa in Ethiopia

PUBLICATIONS

- African Journal of Rural Development:
  - Vol.1, No. 2 (RUFORUM, 2016)
  - Vol.1, No.1 (RUFORUM, 2016)
- Evaluation of Ugandan cowpea germplasm for yield and resistance to scab disease (Afutu et al, 2016)
- Screening soybean genotypes for promiscuous symbiotic association with Bradyrhizobium strains (Agoyi et al, 2016)
- Performance of dairy goats in selected regions of Botswana and the effect of improved management practices on milk yield and composition (Dipheko, 2015)
- Innovating with rural stakeholders in the developing world: Action research in partnership (Faure et al, 2014)

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- (New) Swedish Research Council and Sida call for research projects on Sustainability and resilience – Tackling climate and environmental changes. Deadline: 24 May, 2016
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- **The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) Research Grants 2016.** Several research grants, mainly in the basic sciences, for researchers in the developing world. **Deadline: 31 May, 2016**

- **APPEAR call for applications for preparatory funding, academic partnership and PhD scholarship.** **Deadline: 31 May, 2016**

- **(New) Fayzah M. Al-Kharafi Prize** to recognize women scientists in the fields of chemistry, mathematics, physics and engineering sciences. **Nomination deadline: 1 June, 2016.**

- **Africa Food Prize.** An newly launched US$100,000 prize for individuals and institutions who are making outstanding contributions to agriculture in Africa. **Deadline: 10 June, 2016**

- **Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme** to improve the skills and competences of students and staff in Higher Education Institutions in Africa. **Deadline: 15 June, 2016**

- **The African Agribusiness Incubators Network (AAIN) is soliciting for business ideas on agribusiness incubation.** Investment financing will range from US$5,000 - 50,000. **Deadline: 30 June 2016**

- **The Blue Economy Challenge.** This AU$3 million challenge calls for solutions that ensure sustainability of aquaculture, especially in the Indian Ocean region. **Deadline: 30 June, 2016.**

- **(New) The Rockefeller Foundation Cassava Innovation Challenge** will grant up to $1 million to innovators with novel solutions that tackle food loss and spoilage in the cassava value chain. **Deadline: 8 July, 2016**

- **NEPAD-SANBio mobility grants to support regional and international travel and accommodation for individuals in the Biosciences field.** **Deadline: Open till December 2018**

- **WIOMSA Marine Research Grants Programme.** Supports young scientists to turn their ideas into research projects and present research results at various fora. **Deadline: September 2016 for research projects.** Applications for travel grants can be submitted anytime

**Scholarships and courses:**

- **AAU small grants for graduate internships** for its member universities. **Deadline: 23 May, 2016**

- **Iso Lomso Fellowships** at the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study. For African doctoral scholars holding an academic position at a university or research institution in Africa. **Deadline: 25 May, 2016**

- **2016 OWSD PhD Fellowships** for women scientists from developing countries to study in a developing country outside their own. **Deadline: 31 May, 2016**

- **METEGA mobility scholarships for staff exchange.** **Deadline: 31 January, 2018**
Nestlé Foundation grants for research in human nutrition in low-income and lower middle-income countries. Support includes grants for Masters and PhD projects. Applications accepted all year round

Calls for papers:

- *(RUFORUM call)* Call for manuscripts: African Journal for Rural Development. Regular articles, short communications and reviews accepted. **Deadline: Open**
- Call for papers for a special issue in Wageningen Journal of Life Sciences on ‘Institutional diagnostics for African food security: approaches, methods and implications’. **Deadline for abstracts: 20 May, 2016**
- Call for papers for 2nd Regional Conference on Knowledge Management themed “Knowledge Management for Sustainable Development in Africa”. **Deadline: 27 May, 2016.**
- *(New)* Call for papers for HESPI Conference on IGAD Economies 2016 under the theme “Imperatives for Attaining the Sustainable Development Goals”. **Deadline for abstracts: 31 May, 2016**
- Call for abstracts for 2nd Agriculture and Climate Change Conference, 26 - 28 March 2017, Spain. **Deadline: 17 October, 2016.**

Jobs:

- *(New)* Tufts University is seeking a Chief of Party for the USAID Kenya - East Africa Resilience Learning Project to be based in Nairobi, Kenya. For more information contact: Augusta.Rohrbach@tufts.edu
- *(New)* ASARECA is seeking gender specialists in each of its member countries to participate in operationalising its gender mainstreaming policy. **Deadline: 20 May, 2016**
- *(New)* ILRI Vacancies: Post-Doctoral Fellow- Gender analysis in forage research and Post-Doctoral Fellow- Gender sensitive ruminant breeding in East Africa. **Deadline: 27 May, 2016**
- Access Agriculture seeks to recruit an Executive Secretary. **Deadline: 30 June, 2016**

FEATURED VIDEO: [The Songhai Centre in Benin: entrepreneurship development in agriculture](#)